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Sir:

In order to place the application in better condition for examination,
kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

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In the claims:

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Kindly amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 and also comprising [the step of]
verifying the digital signature.

Kindly amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 2 and wherein said verifying [step]
comprises [the steps of]:

obtaining the signature e_1, \dots, e_{n+v} , the message, the hash function and the
public key;

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